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## New York State

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If some of this news is ancient we beg your forbearance. The 35th biennial convention of the Empire State Association has passed into history and has been duly recorded in this paper so we shall now endeavor to catch up with news of the doings of Empire Staters.

The Frats (and Aux-Frats?) of Syracuse Division of the N. F. S. D., held an outing at Hiawatha Point, Onondaga Lake, August 14th. The attendance came up to fifty and good weather favored the picnickers, making it turn out a highly successful affair.

Mrs. Lena Peters visited the Frank Lees at their camp on Seneca River, following the convention in Albany.

Mrs. George Root enjoyed an automobile trip through the Adirondacks with her son.

Thelma, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Merrill, spent August 4th-19th with her parents at their camp near Baldwinsville. Her two daughters, Phyllis and Jeanne, were with her and shall remain until school opens in September. The Stewarts of Oneida (Thelma's in-laws) spent Sunday, August 14th, at the camp. Jeanne, in bathing, jumped on a tin can and cut her foot so badly as to require surgical attention.

Roz. Ackerman is some fisherman; recently landed five pickerel at Sandy Pond, one 27 inches long—he says. (Pooh, we landed one some years back that was 67 inches long—honest. No, not a pickerel.)

Mr. William Fitzpatrick was in the hospital recently to be operated on for adenoids and sinus trouble. He is recovering at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shepherd of Norwood, Ohio, spent a few days with Mr. Shepherd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Shepherd.

Miss Sara Barto, who works for Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, is planning to spend a few days with her friend, Miss Anna B. Willis of Troy, around Labor Day.

The Alumni of the Rochester School for the Deaf always look forward to the letters from their friend and fellow alumnus, Mr. Ziao Fong Hsia of Peiking, China. In his last letter around Christmas time he described the horrors of war in his home land. He has to face great difficulties and constant fear of attack as well as having his mail denied him by the Japanese. At present Mr. Hsia is in the French settlement with his family. He has been a clerk in the custom house in the British service, where he was highly respected.

The ladies of the Zenevelt Club had their banquet at the swank Roosevelt Apartments on Saturday, June 4th, while the men (Frats) had their meeting at Beechwood Hall. Retiring President Margaret Ledden graciously turned over the office to Madame Helen Samuelson. It was a highly successful gathering and another meeting is planned for October.

Gallaudet College, lend us your ears: Rochester School for the Deaf is now preparing to send six students to Gallaudet College in a few years and hopes to send more later also. The reason: The belief is that Gallaudet College has come up to higher standards and offers better opportunities in professional fields for the deaf it numbers among its students. Also the social and athletic activities will benefit the deaf more than the activi-

ties offered at hearing Universities. (Say, Teddy—doesn't that sound like a ready made football team?)

Martin Sloat of Albany, we regret to state, lost the sight of one eye when it was struck by a tin can in which a firecracker had exploded. At first it was believed the eye might be saved, but doctors feared infection and possible infection of his remaining eye so it was removed. He is recuperating from the ordeal at present.

Earl Calkins of Albany, journeyed to Watertown to attend the funeral of his Grandma who died at the age of 92. (Mrs. Calkins also lost her Grandma about a month ago. She was 96). He spent a week in Watertown with his relatives, making trips to Clayton and Alexandria Bay to see the Thousand Islands International Bridge which opened August 8th.

Paul Sack traded in his old Pontiac for a new one recently.

Mrs. Rosenberg and daughter, Frances, spent convention week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of Albany. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Rosenberg grew up together in Gotham.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Geith of Albany, tendered a party in honor of Mr. Charles Morris and Mrs. Delia Bedell whose natal days are one and the same. Besides the hosts and the guests of honor the party included Mr. Bedell, Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wasserman of Amsterdam, Mr. Klier of Schenectady, and a friend of the Wassermans' whose name we failed to catch.

A seven-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simpson of Binghamton, on May 24th last. They have named her Diana. Congratulations.

July 24th, falling on Sunday and being the natal day of Mr. John Lyman and Mr. Edward Lydecker, a picnic was in order. The following betook themselves in automobiles of various vintage to the picnic grounds in Voorheesville, not far from Albany: Mr. and Mrs. John Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lydecker and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mendel and children, Alan and Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, Mrs. Rosenberg and daughter, Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spiwak, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harris, Miss Edna Fraser, and Mr. and Mrs. William Lange, Jr., and son, Billy. The grounds were wet but that failed to dampen their enthusiasm and they enjoyed picnic goodies, undaunted by occasional showers. Around 3 p.m. Jupiter Pluvius chased them to the shelter of their automobiles, however, with a veritable cloudburst. Around 3:30, Old Sol chose to smile benignly, so the fair ladies and two of the men went to the swimming pool which was on the other side of a low meadow from the grove. In about ten minutes the life-guard started shoeing people up the bank above the swimming pool. There where the meadow had been was a raging torrent 100 feet wide and 3 feet deep. Several autos tried to brave the flood and got stalled. The highway happened to be on the side where the swimming pool was so hundreds of people were stranded in the grove. There was much wading when the waters got calmer and Messrs. Morris and Lange, who happened to be in swimming trunks, waded to the grove side and broke the news to their brethren who were calmly playing horseshoes, unaware and really deaf to the hubbub along the waters edge. Along six o'clock the men folks rolled up their pants and with the remaining eats packed on a bench waded to the fair damsels on the bank. So supper was had by the united group. A state

trooper hired a truck and towed the cars to the highway just before dark. Said Mr. Lyman, "I'll never forget my 50th birthday. 'Twas the most exciting ever." Said Mr. Lydecker, "It was so slippery Mother Earth had the honor of administering my first birthday spanking." A good time was really had by all.

On August 6th ye correspondent with his wife and kiddies betook themselves to Nassau Lake and a little brown house by the side of a road for a week's vacation to recuperate from the dizzy whirl of the Convention. On Sunday, the 7th, a horde swooped down on them to make merry before letting the Langes settle down to resting. The horde included: Messrs. and Mesdames Lyman, Morris, Mendel, Spiwak, Diot, Harris, Corrigan (no relation to Doug., but the resemblance is there), Miss Josepha Szymanski, Truman Diot and Alan and Junior Mendel. The day was spent in rowing and swimming, not to mention eating. Everyone brought something and it went fast. Later in the day the Lange Srs. and Alvin, also Mrs. Lydecker and son, Charles, and Mrs. Donnelly and son, Alan, arrived. At supper time Mrs. Spiwak produced a masterpiece of culinary art, namely, a cake (by any other name it would taste as good). It was to "sort of" celebrate the wedding anniversaries of four different couples who happen to have said "I do" in August. August 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly (hubby had to work and couldn't be present); August 3, Mr. and Mrs. Morris; August 4, Mr. and Mrs. Mendel; August 7, Mr. and Mrs. Corrigan. Congratulations were in order, but we heard one wag remark: "They have my sympathy." Farewells came around sunset and Mr. and Mrs. Lange report getting a complete rest when they arrived back in town on the 13th.

We regret to have record here the death of Nellie Austin Van Wormer, wife of the late Edmund Van Wormer, both Fanwood students. She was called to rest early in the morning of August 13th. Mrs. Van Wormer had been quite active in church and social affairs in her earlier years. About five years ago she had a bad fall that rendered her an invalid and she never completely regained her health. The Van Wormers made their home in Albany and were the parents of Mrs. Robert Ragotzkie (who so ably interpreted for us at the convention) and Mrs. Edward Lydecker. At the time of her death Mrs. Van Wormer was sixty-nine years old. The services were in charge of the Rev. H. C. Merrill, assisted by Rev. George A. Taylor (for the hearing audience). She was laid to rest beside her husband in Prospect Hill Cemetery outside of Albany. Our sympathy goes to her daughters.

The smiling countenance of Albany's Peggy Johnson has removed itself to Middletown. Peggy, who spent a month as the guest of her fiancée's mother at Middletown, found a more remunerative occupation in that fair city than the one she had here in Albany, so she had pulled up stakes and left for Middletown. She promised to come back occasionally, so we shall have her visits to look forward to.

## Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month except July, August and September, at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Charles W. Olsen, Secretary, 371 East 159th Street, Bronx, N. Y. C.

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## NEW YORK CITY

BROOKLYN FRATS DAY AT LUNA PARK

Saturday, August 20th, will not be forgotten by the Metropolitan deaf and the hundred or two out-of-towners that painted Luna Park redder than any of its display signs. The weatherman sympathized with the hard-working committee of arrangements in charge of Brooklyn Division's Frat Day and beamed down one of his pleasantest smiles of the summer week-ends we have yet enjoyed.

From the time Luna's spacious and beautiful swimming pool was opened at 9 A.M., the hundreds of friends of "23" kept pouring in until at 11 P.M., there were fully two thousand in the park.

A combination ticket for 50 cents was sold by the division. This ticket entitled the holder to nine rides and other attractions, which if taken in separately, would have cost \$1. About 500 availed themselves of this privilege and up to closing time not a single complaint was registered—in fact everything was praised. Free shows by the park management also contributed to the pleasure of all. A wire-walker, circus and complete floor show in the beautiful Willow Grove Garden exceeded all expectations.

At about 3:30 P.M., the division held its swimming races in the pool. These consisted of a Frat relay race, a girls' and boys' relay race and an individual race for the kiddies. The prizes for the winners were combination tickets for the various park attractions, donated by the management, and were won by the Brooklyn Frats, girls' relay—Eleanor Swanson, Mercedes Nordman, Alma Smith and Irene Gordeau. The boys' relay—William Fitzpatrick, Jr., George Crichton, Jr., Bernard Argule and Mario Vittoria. The Fogel family, Bernard and Florence, of Brighton Beach, ran away with the kiddies' laurels. Joe Zeiss of the committee was master of ceremonies.

At 11 P.M., the final floor show was given in the Willow Grove Garden. Mr. Lombard, the park manager, personally saw to it that all of the deaf present were given special attention and the garden was packed. This show was worthy of any you would pay from \$2.50 to \$10 at any night club to view, and all those who witnessed it were not a bit sorry. In fact, they learned many new steps. The bar and grill attached to this Garden did a land-office business all evening.

The final event was the awarding of the cash prizes to the winners. Coming right after the floor show and in the garden, there were many anxious and hopeful ones waiting. The winners, only one of whom was present, were Matthew Grant of Passaic, N. J., \$10; Lillian Rose of Bronx, N. Y., \$5; Lily Kirshman of Brooklyn, \$4; M. Gitelman of Brooklyn, \$3; Jack Armuth of Brooklyn, \$2, and Marie Ledalo of Brooklyn, \$1.

Before the awarding of these prizes Jimmy Orman, a bred-in-Brooklyn product, Fanwood graduate, Gallaudet graduate, and now a teacher in the Illinois School for the Deaf—also one of the Grand Vice-Presidents of the N. F. S. D.—emptied the sympathetic tears and well-wishes of Grand President Roberts' inability to be present. A line-up of those who came from out-of-town would cause writer's cramps. Enough to say we had plenty on hand and how. Next year will be World's Fair year, so you can guess it.

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### The Arkansas Association of the Deaf Convention

By Hallea H. Stout

With approximately three hundred persons in attendance, the reunion-convention of the Arkansas Association of the Deaf was held at the Arkansas School for the Deaf July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The states of Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana and Michigan were well represented. So was Washington, D. C.

The program started with a reception in the parlors of the school, followed by a dance which lasted till midnight. Those who stood in the receiving line with Supt. and Mrs. D. T. Henderson were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zimble, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Adcock and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Marsden. Mrs. Opal Fulmer served the punch. Music for the dance was furnished by the W. P. A. Orchestra.

At the opening meeting Saturday morning, Miss Pearl Tubb signed the "Star Spangled Banner" and Mayor Overman gave us an address of welcome. He spoke at some length of the many engineering feats being carried on in different parts of the state for the development of its natural resources. He told us many things we had not heard of before, all of which were very interesting and enlightening. He was followed on the platform by Supt. D. Henderson who, after giving us a hearty welcome, proceeded to introduce himself to us all over again. (N. B. We never get tired or bored by his "introductions") He told us of his years of work among the hearing children and how he became interested in the deaf. His was an extremely interesting and arresting talk and everyone enjoyed it very much. Mrs. Hal Adcock interpreted for both the hearing and the deaf.

Prominent among the other fine speakers were Mr. P. M. Drake, father of Race, one of our Gallaudet honor graduates, Rev. J. W. Michaels and Rev. A. O. Steidemann of St. Louis, Mo.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Steidemann.

The second meeting was held in the afternoon of the same day (July 2nd), at the beginning of which "America" was signed by Miss L. Thompson. Several fine speeches were made resulting in the old order of the Association being disposed of and the whole organization reorganized. Pres. James M. Smith chose Messrs. G. D. Coats, Norman Brown, Robert T. Marsden, Luther Shibley and Luther Conway as committeemen whose duty was to draw up a brand new set of laws. Mr. Coats was elected chairman of this committee.

Then followed a hot and interesting debate as to the amount of dues members should be required to pay. Finally the question was referred to the law committee who settled it later.

It was also decided at this meeting that to affect harmonious agreement with the laws drawn by the executive committee, three members should be chosen to handle all the work involved in the organizing of branch chapters scattered over the state.

Other business was satisfactorily attended to and the meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

Saturday night one hundred persons sat down to a banquet at which Governor Carl E. Bailey was guest of honor. It was the first time a governor of Arkansas ever honored the deaf with his presence on such an occasion and he seemed deeply impressed with all he saw and heard. Supt. Henderson sat on the governor's right, while the chair on his left was occupied by James M. Smith, president of the Association. Next to him sat Mrs. Hal Adcock who acted as interpreter. Others seated at the Governor's table were Mrs. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zimble.

President Smith introduced Supt. Henderson, who in turn introduced Gov. Bailey after eulogizing him.

Both Gov. Bailey and Supt. Henderson made fine speeches and Principal Nathan Zimble spoke at length of the school's past history, of its steady progress under the management of the late Supt. Mrs. Bess Riggs, of his hopes for further improvements, his admiration for Supt. Henderson and his faith in his ability to carry out the many progressive plans he has for the school.

During the banquet the visitors from other states were asked to stand while they were welcomed and applauded.

The banquet was followed by a smoker given by the local division of the Frat, while the ladies had a card party in the girls' study hall at the school.

On Sunday morning an hour was dedicated to the life history of Rev. J. W. Michaels of Mountainsburg, Ark., at Parnell Hall, and at noon photographs of the convention were taken. The afternoon was spent showing the visitors the town and other points of interest as far as Hot Springs some fifty miles away.

At 7:30 that evening another meeting was called to order by Pres. Smith.

Mr. Rupert Nixon of Fort Smith, treated us to a splendid magic show which we enjoyed immensely. Mr. Nixon is said to be the only living deaf magician. Then Mr. Hicks of Jackson, Miss., gave us an amusing sketch of the lives and deaths of ten little negroes. A vote of thanks was tendered the two entertainers.

Several business questions and tangles were answered and straightened out at this meeting and the principal speakers were Rev. J. W. Michaels, Mr. John W. Stout, Mr. Luther Conway and Mr. Dewey Coats.

The fifth and last meeting of the convention was held at Parnell Hall at 8:30 A.M., July 4th.

Mr. Hicks once more brought tears (of laughter) to our eyes with a sketch of a small boy's trip home from some school for the deaf.

Supt. Henderson made a Fourth of July speech in which he described a trip to Philadelphia where he and his family saw and touched the old Liberty Bell. It was very thrilling.

Miss Jackie Boone, one of our most talented young girls, gave us "Yankee Doodle" in signs and expressions that were a revelation to us all.

There remained so little time in which to finish the business that Pres. Smith had to cut out some of it.

Mr. Dewey Coats gave out the aims of the Association and its new laws, two of which provide that hearing persons who have worked hard in the interests of the deaf be made honor members and that a hard-working deaf person may be given a life membership in the Association.

A special vote of thanks was given Miss Katie Ki Kimbro and Mr. Nathan Zimble for the excellent work they did in the registration office.

Resolutions were read by the secretary, Hallea H. Stout.

Letters of greetings and good-will from the N. A. D., Texas A. D., and Ohio A. D., were read by President Smith.

New officers were elected as follows: Mr. Race Drake, Little Rock, president; Mr. Willie Walls, Little Rock, first vice-president; Mr. Rupert Nixon, Fort Smith, second vice-president; Mrs. Hallea Stout, Benton, secretary; Mr. Robert Marsden, Little Rock, treasurer; Mr. Charles Athy, Little Rock, and Mr. Dewey Coats, Fulton, Mo., executive members.

The Fort Smith chapter of the Association was named Chapter No. 1.

The convention was a great success and hearty thanks are due the members of the various committees whose names are as follows: Pres. and Mrs. James M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Marsden, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zimble, Mrs. Opal Fulmer, Mrs. Joe Ward, Mrs. Fred Pairet, Misses Milder and Louise DeArman, Callie Tubb, Irene Goodin, Katie Kimbro, Messrs. Norman Brown, Race Drake, James Collums and of course our beloved Supt. and Mrs. D. T. Henderson.

Our next convention will be held at Little Rock during the summer of 1940.

The following Legislative resolutions for the school were drawn up and approved by the Association.

- A new primary plant
- A new vocational unit
- A farm
- A labor bureau for the deaf

Other Legislative resolutions were those opposing any further encroachments on the school's land by other State institutions and the merging of the Deaf School administration with other State institutions.

The Resolutions Committee met and decided upon the following suggested resolutions which was submitted and approved by the Association:

WHEREAS, Governor E. Bailey graciously consented to be our guest of honor, was pleased to attend our banquet, and has shown an encouraging interest in the progress of our school, therefore be it

Resolved, That our secretary write Governor Bailey a letter thanking him for the honor he has given us by his presence among us and to tender our appreciation of his commendable interest in the school.

WHEREAS, Mayor R. E. Overman has shown himself a gracious friend and has given us the pleasure of an address of welcome, and be it

Resolved, That the secretary of the Association write him a letter of thanks for his interesting talk and address of welcome.

WHEREAS, our beloved Superintendent D. T. Henderson has shown himself to be an understanding educator and leader and has in many ways obtained improvements in our school, and be it

Resolved, That the Association heartily commend Superintendent Henderson's able, efficient, and broad-minded association, and be it

Resolved, That the Association pledge him its fullest support and cooperation.

WHEREAS, Superintendent Henderson has kindly and cheerfully given us permission to use the school buildings for our convention, and be it

Resolved, That we extend to him the grateful thanks of the Association.

Where members of the School staff have cheerfully worked in cooperation with Superintendent Henderson and the officers of the Association in preparing the buildings for our use, and be it

Resolved, That the gratitude of the Association be extended them.

MRS. HALLEA H. STOUT

NORMAN BROWN

MRS. W. W. DUVALL

Resolutions Committee

### National Association of the Deaf



OFFICIAL

The deaf of Los Angeles, California, under sponsorship of the Los Angeles Chapter, California Association of the Deaf, will be host to the 19th Triennial Convention of the National Association of the Deaf during the summer of 1940, as originally scheduled.

The determination of the Los Angeles deaf to move forward is indeed commendable.

The Local Convention Committee, headed by Mr. P. E. Seely, has tendered its resignation. A new one is now in process of formation, the personnel of which will be announced in due course.

Indications are that "L. A.—1940" will not only prove to be the best convention ever but also the most epochal in our long history.

MARCUS L. KENNER,  
President

B. B. BURNES, Secretary.

August 20, 1938.

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### Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lux of New York, leased an apartment for one month last July at Miami Beach in order to be near the beach all the time and be thoroughly tanned. They got it all right. They attended almost all the social affairs around here. We were sorry to see them leave after their vacation was over.

Miss Rutha Curtiss recently had several friends at the swimming pool of her famous deceased aviator brother and afterwards they went to Miss Curtiss' home for a social evening.

Mrs. C. Kessler, Mrs. Maud Wade, Miss Olga Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Morris entertained at a picnic and social at Miss Curtiss' home the following guests: Miss Rutha Curtiss, Mrs. F. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lux, Mrs. Hope Jaeger, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Davis, Jimmy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blount, Mrs. R. H. Rou, Misses Katherine and Betty Rou, J. A. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Austin, Mr. Joe White, Mrs. Ernest Schroeder, Charles Schatzkin, Miss Emma Colgrove and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Several others were unable to attend the party.

Mrs. C. W. Kessler, Mrs. Maud Wade, Joe White, Miss Olga Anderson, Mrs. H. S. Morris and Colford Morris motored to Jensen, Fla., recently to spend the day there with Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon who have a cottage at the beach. The first three persons left there later by auto for Birmingham, Ala., to visit friends a few days and then home to Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Kessler is a sister of the writer.

Mrs. Florence Long left Miami Beach on August 12th for Jensen, Fla., to be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon for two weeks. Mrs. Long will leave there on September 1st for Council Bluffs, Iowa, to report for duty at the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Miss Olga Anderson of Devils Lake, N. D., who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Morris here for two months, left yesterday for Birmingham, Ala., to visit her collegemate, Mrs. Herman Harper, nee Annie Dwight, '12, then make a stopover in Knoxville, Tenn., to make a side trip to the great Smoky Mountains and Norris Dam, then to Chicago, Ill., to be with her brother, Gus, a few days, and later on to Devils Lake, N. D., where she will be ready for the new term, teaching at the North Dakota School for the Deaf. We hope she enjoyed her visit to our tropical country immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin of St. Petersburg, Fla., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rou recently and were royally entertained. Mr. Austin said his business forced him to cut short his vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre of Wildwood, N. J., sold their home in Wildwood to a doctor from New Hampshire, and after looking over some new houses in West Palm Beach and here, they concluded that the inducements here were far better than West Palm Beach and bought a beautiful new home in the southwest section of Miami. We are happy to have them with us.

It may be of interest to the readers of this paper to know the following visitors came to Miami this summer: Miss Olga Anderson, Devils Lake, N. D.; Mrs. C. W. Kessler, Mrs. Maud Wade and Joe White, all of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lux, New York; Mrs. Florence Long, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Ernest Schroeder, Mrs. Frieda Meagher and Elmer Olson, Chicago, Ill.; J. A. Sullivan, Hartford, Conn.; W. F. Durian, West Hartford, Conn.; William Osmola, Springfield, Mass.; Rev. Robert Fletcher, Birmingham, Ala.; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Lewis, Yonkers, N. Y. H. S. M.

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And they are slaves most base,  
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IN THE recent accidental death, in New York City, of the late George T. Sanders, there passed away a prominent and beneficial member of the deaf community. His was an effective, buoyant temperament, an accomplished writer brimming over with ideas which found vent in fertile press contributions from his pen. He was a graduate of the Northampton School and later of Gallaudet College.

While Mr. Sanders was early trained by the Oral Method, in adult life, as has been the case with many other oral graduates, his common sense led him to recognize the futility of attempting to address large gatherings of the deaf solely through vocal speech. In the same way he came to realize the call on him to do active work for the benefit of his fellows in deafness, and this he did faithfully.

Perhaps the salient point of his career were his close relations with the distinguished scientist and educator, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell whom, we understand, was one of his earliest teachers. It is on record that Dr. Bell struggled over the idea, worked out the interlacing intricacies, and completed the original model of the telephone at the home of the father of Mr. Sanders, of whom he was a close friend.

Those who knew George T. Sanders personally recognized his sincere desire to be of assistance to others. He associated with his fellow deaf, spoke orally, used the manual alphabet and the language of signs equally well, and was among the foremost to give thought to projects that might be of benefit to them—a duty well performed and worthy of acknowledgement. He met life seriously and consistently, performing his part in contributing to the advancement of the group the incident of deafness assigned to him. His career was that of a well-educated, generous, useful citizen.

THERE has been a wide expression of opinion by those who have studied the subject that there is the danger of failure in the present system of pensions for New York public school teachers on retirement. It is based upon the discovery that teachers in retirement live longer as compared with other people. It has given rise to the belief that as a result of this longevity a problem has been created for those connected with retirement pensions, leading to the fear that the tables upon which pension funds are based may have to be revised.

An evaluation of these retirement funds prepared by actuaries shows that teachers in general live longer than was expected; this survey indicates that women teachers outlive the men. The latter generally conform with the rate listed in the original schedule. It refers only to teachers who have retired from the school system, either because of age or disability. Whether the average span of life of the active teachers has been lengthened is not definitely known. However, of the teachers in the pension system who are now receiving funds, the length of life appears to have been increased. This is considered as an evidence of the care taken by the teachers to maintain their health and in the improvement of their physical condition to the highest possible degree and is praised. Since this practice is favorable to the pensioners it is not to be regretted, but rather regarded as a happy condition.

Nevertheless, it may require the revision of the mortality tables, and a new schedule of pension rates, as the present system has not been favorable; since it is advantageous to the pensioners it can hardly be regretted. Still it is harmful to the retirement system as a financial undertaking. The number of deaths among active teachers has been lower in the case of women but higher in the case of men. The rate at which teachers have retired on account of disability has increased for both men and women as compared with previous records. A reason for the increased life span of those already retired has been advanced to be the result of the removal of the strain and responsibility connected with the routine of teaching and preparation, and this acts favorably from a health point of view. Retired teachers with a steady income relieved of class work and responsibility, with greater leisure at their disposal, are able to take the ordinary cares of existence with greater freedom and can give more thought and care to the preservation of health both mentally and physically.

## Frederick, Md.

Rev. Mr. D. E. Moylan is a visitor in Frederick quite frequently these days. He spends part of his summer vacation each year in the town of Ijamsville. His son, Charles, a distinguished attorney in Baltimore, with his family, comes to spend week-ends with him. We noticed by a local weekly that he, Charles, was seriously thinking of tossing his hat in the Attorney-General ring. It will be recalled that he waged a losing battle with Mr. Jackson for the mayoralty of Baltimore several years back. However, he gained much popularity that will stand him in good stead if he gets his name on the ballot.

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## Frederick, Md.

The sixteenth annual picnic of the Western Maryland Association of the Deaf was held this year at a new place as an experiment—Braddock Heights, Sunday, July 10th. Though the sun shone its brightest from a cloudless sky, it was pleasant and breezy on the mountain top and a large crowd was present.

At 2:30 o'clock the games got under way. The prize winners in the various events were as follows: Mrs. August Wriede, Baltimore, and Mr. Glenn Knode, Sharpsburg, for ladies and gents, respectively, in the string eating race; Miss Estella Nicol, Washington, and Mr. Arthur Winebrenner, Woodsboro, in the number race. The prize for guessing the number of staples in a jar went to Mr. Otto Selby, Baltimore. Mr. Theodore Houck, Frederick, held the lucky number in the drawing contest.

Those who managed the picnic-outing were Messrs. Paul Clark, Ferdinand Alsip and Fred Semler, all of Hagerstown. Mr. Clark and Mr. Alsip were re-elected President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. The 1939 picnic place is Row's Amusement Park.

The Bensons spent a week at the home of Mr. William Cairnes of Monkton, Md., July 11th-18th. Baltimore County in which Monkton is situated, is the home of many relatives of Mr. Benson on his paternal side, hence he enjoyed himself visiting among them. Later Harry and his wife spent several days with friends up in Scranton, Pa. After the outing at Tolchester Beach, on the eastern shore, August 7th, Mrs. Benson accompanied the Trundles to Centerville to be their guests for a week. Meanwhile Harry hied himself to Baltimore County for a repeat visit at his cousin's, Mr. Cairnes.

By the way, as I write this today, it occurs to me that it is the birthday of Mrs. John Trundle. This grand old lady, now 83, is hale and hearty, as I met her at Tolchester. Here's hoping she will live many more years.

Callers at the school since the last chronicle may be mentioned as follows: Mrs. Lester Brown, on her way from Ohio to Baltimore; Mr. William Cairnes and Mrs. Holton Stiltz accompanied by her daughter, July 20th; Mr. Edwin Ritchie and Mr. Luden, July 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Stern and Mr. Burgess Trine, enroute to Flint, Mich., from Baltimore, July 31st.

The writer took his family to Mann's Choice, Pa., via McConnellsburg, Sunday, July 23d, to visit his sister, Miss Tillie Faupel, and returned next day via Cumberland, Md. The trip was taken in Mr. Roland Murray's Chevrolet. Sunday morning a visit was made at Wonderland Caverns, said to be the only caverns in existence having coral rock formation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn motored to their native state to the north twice last month. The first time was to attend a picnic at Lancaster on July 24th. On the following Sunday they took in the picnic at Shrewsbury Amusement Park. Mr. and Mrs. Faupel, Doris and George, Jr., accompanied them. The July 31st picnic was featured with an exciting game of speed ball between Baltimore and York, Pa., deaf, in which the former triumphed by a 6 to 3 score.

The McVernons and the Kemps enjoyed a boat ride of eight hours down the Chesapeake Bay from Baltimore to Sea Side and return on July 24th.

Miss Hazel Manahan was the guest of Miss Doris Faupel for nigh a week the first part of August.

The annual picnic of the Maryland Deaf, held on Saturday, August 6th, at Druid Hall Park, Baltimore, was a success as it always has been. Practically all the deaf of Frederick were there. The schedule of games was put through in spite of interruption by showers. Mr. Ray Kaufman was chairman of the committee that managed the picnic.

The next day the annual excursion by boat to Tolchester Beach was held. A hundred and fifty deaf of Baltimore, augmented by over a score from Washington, Frederick, and outside towns, were on the boat. From Wilmington, Del., came a bus load of thirty deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Shockley and two young children motored to Cambridge, Md., today. Uriah will return tomorrow leaving his wife to spend a fortnight with her parents.

Two of the Frederick deaf have recently traded in their cars for other and better models. Mr. Lawrence Brode's car is a 1936 Plymouth coach, while Mr. Charles Creager's is a 1933 Chevrolet sedan.

Mr. Mareen Darby, Jr., who was taken to the Frederick City Hospital fourteen days ago for an appendectomy, returned home completely recovered.

Mrs. Ben Lorenz, nee Virginia King, returned to her Washington home last Saturday, after spending a fortnight at the farm home of her parents near Frederick.

Sunday, the 14th, Messrs. Lester Brown and Arthur Winebrenner and Miss Louise McClain enjoyed a motor trip along the sky line drive in Virginia.

A card postmarked Dearborn, Mich., August 17th, received from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kemp, showed that they were visiting at the home of their son, Mr. Harry Kemp, who is in the hotel business.

Mrs. James McVernon will soon be busily engaged packing up preparatory to departure for Miami, Fla., not to spend a week or a month but about a whole year! Jim, Bert, and Dot, of course, will accompany their mother and attend school in Florida. They are keen about taking such a long journey.

Superintendent Dr. Bjorlee has definitely set the date of September 19th, Monday, for the reopening of the Maryland State School for the Deaf seventy-first session, and notices to that effect have been mailed to parents of prospective students.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn, Mr. Leonard Downes and Miss Skair motored to the capital August 20th, to attend the dance sponsored by the Silent Athletic Club. The afternoon was given over to a speed ball tournament in which teams representing Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and Orange, N. J., participated. Mr. Downes who pitched, was the star performer on the Baltimore team and his two homers that brought in runs were responsible for the victory the team scored.

Sport fans, especially those who regularly attend boxing meets in this historic old city, got a thrill Friday night, August 12th, when they watched Jack Dempsey, of pugilistic fame, referee six of the seven-bout card. The bouts were staged at McCurdy ball field this time instead of at Bernie's Arena, in order to accommodate the great crowd. The deaf male population, plus a lone lady, attended, as did Mr. Wurdemann of Leesburg, Va.

Mr. Leonard Downes pitched his fifth game of the season on July 17th, and won quite easily for the Hustlers, the score being one-sided, 21-6. The opposing team was Old Milwaukee Brewers of Washington.

This afternoon the Hustlers scored their 17th consecutive victory in the game with St. Mary's Celtics of Alexandria, Va. Leonard Downes filled the pitcher's box and his effective arm kept the opponents to four scattered hits. The score was 7 to 2.

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August 21, 1938

## Ephpheta Society for the Catholic Deaf, Inc.

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## WISCONSIN

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### MILWAUKEE

Miss Delight Rice, whose parents were personal friends of the former President McKinley of this country, dropped into Delavan recently and visited the Delavan School which she had not seen for many years. She used to teach at the Delavan School before she was appointed a teacher to the deaf in the Philippine Islands School for the Deaf by former President Theodore Roosevelt of the United States. She dropped into Milwaukee and visited her old pupil, Miss Anna Johnson (deaf and blind), for a day recently. Miss Rice reported that she had taught the deaf in the Philippine Islands for sixteen years. She resigned as a teacher of that school because she could not stand the climate there. At present she is teaching in one of the institutions in sunny California.

Miss Sylvia Shadd, the well-known Milwaukee news reporter for the *Wisconsin Times*, and Mr. Alfred Maertz of Racine, Wis., were married in Milwaukee on Saturday, August 20th. Both are graduates of the Delavan School. They will make their future home in Port Washington, Wis., where Mr. Maertz is a first-class cabinet-maker.

Mr. Walter Reuter will be united in marriage to Miss Lucille Rozak here on Saturday, August 27th. Both of them are graduates of the Delavan School. They will make their home in Milwaukee, where Mr. Reuter works as a printer.

A picnic, sponsored by the Madison Association of the Deaf, took place at the Waukesha Beach on Sunday, June 26th. A kitten-ball game between the Madison and Milwaukee deaf youngsters was played on the beach's diamond before a large crowd of the Madison and Milwaukee deaf folks, the score was 7 to 5 in favor of the Madison team in seven innings by agreement. All reported having a good time.

Mr. Paul Krueger, a deaf tailor, who started to learn that trade when he was young, came to this city from West Prussia, Germany, many years ago. He reports the "tailoring business is still good after fifty years."

Mrs. Angus Bende of Los Angeles, Cal., dropped into Milwaukee and visited her old school friends here one day recently. She visited one of her relatives in Kenosha, Wis. She will be on her way home to sunny California during the autumn.

Sam Lewis, the brother of the reporter, was graduated from Lincoln High School last June. He will attend Marquette University this fall.

Father Stephen Klopfer, pastor of St. John's Church for the Deaf at St. Francis for a number of years, has been appointed chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital, Watertown, Wis. The appointment was announced here Thursday, August 4th, by Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch. In addition to his post at Watertown, Father Klopfer will serve also as director of education for the deaf in the local archdiocese, Archbishop Stritch announced.

A surprise wedding shower for Sylvia Shadd took place at the home of Miss Shadd's parents on Saturday evening, July 30th. Miss Stella Krukowski was the chairman of the party that night. About forty deaf folks were present. Miss Shadd was presented with many nice, useful gifts. Various kinds of games were played and prizes went to the winners of the games. Refreshments and drinks were served at a late hour. All reported having a good time.

A picnic, sponsored by the Milwaukee Division No. 17, took place at Estabrook Park on Sunday, August 7th. Mr. Arthur Leisman was the chairman of the affair. A large crowd of deaf folks attended. Many various kinds of games were played and prizes went to the winners of the games.

Mr. Emil Rosenfield of Milwaukee, reported having a wonderful time visiting relatives and friends in Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., and Aurora, Ill., during the month of July 6th to 19th.

Mr. Sam Block of Washington, D. C., dropped into Milwaukee and visited one of his friends here recently.

Mr. Harry Hersch of New York City, arrived in Milwaukee to visit his beloved wife, Charlotte, and baby and mother-in-law, Mrs. M. Teweles, some time ago. The reporter met them at the Frat picnic one Sunday recently. Harry is looking fine.

A surprise wedding shower for Lucille Rozak took place at the Silent Club one evening recently. She was presented with nice, useful gifts. Refreshments were served at a late hour.

During the middle week of July Mrs. L. B. Hagerty visited one of her relatives in the northern part of Wisconsin. Then she attended the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hansmann at Knapp, Wis. About forty-five deaf folks were present. All reported having a wonderful time.

### United States to be Represented at Stockholm Next Summer?

Our United States is sure of first place in the 5th World's Deaf Games in Stockholm, Sweden, next summer, if you and I can do our bit to raise the necessary \$1,400 to send John Dye and John Dick across the pond!

That was proven by the amazing performance of orally-educated Dye in one of the year's three biggest track meets, June 10th—the Central Collegiate in Milwaukee. Snagging two points for his Marquette University by a 4th in the discus against 30 men from 17 colleges, Dye dishd the discus almost a full foot further than the mark set up by last year's champion!

Winner was Wolf of Texas University—All-American halfback who made a 93-yd. touchdown against Minnesota a year ago. Second was Faymonville of Notre Dame, who had won the Pennsylvania relays—in which our Gallaudet College relay teams generally perform. Third, only nine inches ahead of Dye, was the famous Frary of Illinois University. Dye's mark of 146-feet, 3/8-inches means a new "World's Deaf Record" if we can get it certified by those Doubting Thomases of Europe, who jealously determine all so-styled "official" deaf records!

Dye is 23, a happy-go-lucky Irishman of pleasing personality; has one more year of competition. Has "C" in all studies. John Dick is a serious, sombre youth of 25—who would have two more years of competition for Wisconsin University if he can make up his flunk in English. (English is always the handicap of the true deaf; Dick has "B" in all other studies—is said to be a talented artist). Dick bears a strong resemblance to our Rev. Pulver in all respects.

I bumped into Coach Jones of Wisconsin University in the stands, and got the facts on Dick's "guaranteed performance"—of far more value than "best marks" as any hoss-player will tell you. Mistook Coach Jones for a farmer, at first; but his memory of his huge field is surprising. From what Jones wrote, and from what I saw of the two boys, permit this "sure tip" on what they can do in Stockholm, if you and I raise the necessary \$1,400 expenses:

First and second in Shot and Javelin. First in Discus and High Jump. Several points in other events. At least 30 points—placing our United States first in list of 19 nations.

As the two schoolboys Robey Burns took over in 1935, landed America 6th in the 19 nations, with one first, two seconds and a third, seems our patriotism should prompt us to contribute.

What say, buddy?

J. FREDERICK MEAGHER.

### Requirements for Deaf Drivers

By Charles H. Harnett, Commissioner, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, N. Y.

(Reprinted from *Convention Journal of the Empire State Association of the Deaf*)

I would like to extend my congratulations to members of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, meeting in Albany on the occasion of their 35th Biennial Convention. Not only has this Association rendered valuable assistance to the deaf, but they have given us a splendid example of how courage and persistence may be successful in minimizing physical affliction.

While lack of hearing is by no means a major physical handicap, it deserves attention in the issuance of a license to operate an automobile. The present licensing system in New York represents vast improvements over past requirements. Today, the English and Vision tests which are prerequisites to the road test, effectively rule off the highway the driver whose poor eyesight or inability to read road signs might lead to serious accident. A Hearing test, however, has no place in our licensing activities. We do restrict the license of the stone deaf and mute, as well as that of the slightly deaf, but the procedure is both liberal and uncomplicated.

For an example, if an Examiner finds an application is slightly deaf, he advises him to secure a hearing device. If such a device is found capable of sufficiently improving the hearing and the applicant passes the English, Vision and Road tests, a license is issued. Stamped across the face, however, are the words, "Restricted to operate with a device for Improved Hearing." In certain instances, when the Examiner may believe the device has improved hearing but not to an entirely satisfactory degree, the applicant must in addition equip his car with a full view mirror. Accordingly his license is also restricted to "operate with a full-view mirror."

Of course where the stage of deafness has advanced beyond aid from any hearing device, the license is merely restricted to drive with the full view mirror which affords a good side view of the highway as well as front and rear views. This procedure is also followed with mutes.

Since the Bureau of Motor Vehicles has never maintained records devoted solely to the operating experience of the deaf driver, his accident frequency rate is more or less unestablished. Any information we possess is obtained either through testimony given at Hearings held throughout the State on accidents resulting in death or serious injury, or through letters received by the Complaint Section of the Bureau.

Occasionally, in conducting a hearing, a referee has noticed the driver involved does not hear well. Immediately his license is restricted to drive with either the hearing device or full view mirror or both. These instances, however, are far from numerous.

Of the 42,400 letters received by the Complaint Section last year, it was estimated that approximately ten concerned deaf drivers. A spiteful tinge in the majority of these letters was obvious and when investigation revealed an accident free record for each of the ten persons accused of incompetency in operating a car, no action was taken.

Insofar as we are able to determine, the deaf driver offers no exceptional problem. Certainly his accident record is not out of proportion with the number of deaf drivers on the highway, and accordingly any prejudice which may exist against him is more or less unfounded. The answer to—"Why so many accidents" rests solely with the individual's sense of responsibility \* \* \* not whether he is suffering from lack of hearing or is in the best physical condition. Acceptance of this personal responsibility means less death, less suffering, less economic waste.

### New York City

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The committee deserving all kind thoughts were Paul Tarlen, chairman; Joe Call, Tom Cosgrove, Emil Mulfeldt, Ben Baca, Harry Bellin, Sol Pachter and Charles Wiemuth, assisted by Philip Topfer, Joe Zeiss, A. Shapiro, Ed. Sherwood and Arthur Taber.

The Catholic deaf of New York and vicinity celebrated Ephphatha Sunday with a special mass at St. Francis Xavier Church. Rev. Father Purtell was celebrant. The sermon was delivered by Rev. John Corbett, which was interpreted into signs by Rev. Purtell. A very large attendance was present. The annual outing followed the services.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Orman, teachers respectively at the Illinois School, paid their annual visit to the New York School at White Plains on August 16th, and were much impressed with the vastness and general appearance of the whole outfit. Mr. Orman never misses an opportunity to visit his *Alma Mater* when in town. They have returned to Illinois by this time.

Visitors to West Saugerties, N. Y., the little hamlet up in the Catskill Mountains that Mrs. Johanna H. McCluskey calls her home, and Miss Alice E. Judge her summer residence, were Messrs. and Mesdames H. Beck and Frank Nimmo. They motored up and surprised the two "Mountaineers" on Thursday, August 18th last.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hill of Brooklyn, Philip, age seven, died August 10th, from blood poison and lockjaw. He was spending his vacation in North Carolina at the time of his death. The body was brought home and laid to rest in Mt. Olive Cemetery. The sincere sympathy of their friends go to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Renner returned from a short vacation around New Jersey. They stayed at Lakewood, N. J., and enjoyed side trips to Atlantic City and Asbury Park. Staying at Lakewood also were Rev. and Mrs. George Flick, so the New York and Chicago couples made a good foursome. Incidentally Messrs. Flick and Renner tried their hand at night fishing around Barnegat Bay, which was not particularly successful, the total edible results being one lone oyster which the parson hooked. Another expedition after the finny tribe was arranged the following Saturday, narration of which is deferred until movie reels and snapshots taken are available for verification purposes. Rev. and Mrs. Flick passed through the city Monday, enroute to Greenwich, Conn., to visit relatives for a day or two. They will return to Lakewood for a short stay till after Labor Day when they take up quarters at the Hotel Pennsylvania for a week and will be glad to meet their friends there.

### St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf

Worshipping at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 177 South Ninth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Services on the first, third and fourth Sunday of the month at three o'clock. Sunday School for boys and girls at their respective schools. Enrollment at the request of parents.

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## MINNESOTA

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Champion hard luck victim in Minnesota is Andrew Pangrac of Minneapolis. Last May a few hours after he rejoiced at the birth of his first child, his wife died. On Saturday evening, August 13th, he was reported driving his car near St. Cloud when it overturned and rolled into a ditch, pinning Andy in it unconscious with a badly crushed chest. Loose gravel was blamed for accident. Details are lacking at this writing, our information having come from St. Cloud over the telephone.

Word from Vladi Droskowski of Little Falls, says that his wife underwent an operation for tumor on July 11th. She had a speedy recovery and is now about her work as usual.

The Faribault deaf colony was shocked one night recently when the local paper carried a story saying that Fred Von Rueden of Hullet Avenue, had died. Investigation showed that it was not our deaf Fred, but one of the four Fred Von Ruedens who reside on Hullet Avenue, a cousin of the good Faribault frat we have already referred to.

Another mixup of names occurred at the recent Rice County Fair. Three automobiles were given away, one each night. On the final night the name of Bill Matthes was drawn. When announced over the loud speaker, two Bill Matthes came to claim the car. The address was not given and neither Bill Matthes had with him the stub with correct number. The officials were in a dilemma. The two Bills were sent home for their stubs and the Bill who returned with the stub bearing the right number was awarded the car.

Many Minnesotans were interested in hearing that J. C. Howard had been elected president of the Michigan Association of the Deaf. Mr. Howard served as president of the Minnesota Association of the Deaf four terms and as president of the National Association of the Deaf two terms. He is a capable executive, and the deaf of Michigan in electing him by acclamation chose a man who will see that the work of the organization is carried on efficiently and in a business-like manner.

Principal Ralph Farrar who is a Reserve Officer Captain, spent the first two weeks in August in camp.

W. O. Coffman of Minneapolis, spent two weeks in Faribault visiting his daughter, Opal Coffman, a teacher at the Minnesota School. While here he had the misfortune of falling down a flight of stairs. He was severely shaken up and somewhat bruised, but fortunately no bones were broken.

Things were again lively at the Faribault home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Peterson during the August 15th week, son, Robert, and family of Wewoka, Okla., visited the old folks.

Betty Jane Rinsem, Minnesota's cheerful little deaf-blind girl, whose home is in Faribault, spent a week in Decorah, Iowa, as the guest of her teacher, Miss Lillian Huset.

Miss Imogene Allen, sister of the Allen sisters, who operate the Allen School for the Deaf in Faribault, spent the first part of her summer vacation studying at Columbia University and incidentally completing her work for a master's degree. In mid-August she arrived in Faribault for a ten-day visit. After that she plans to return to Trenton, N. J., where she has been a teacher at the New Jersey School for the Deaf for a number of years.

Announcement has just been made that the Minnesota School for the Deaf will open for the 1938-1939 term on Tuesday, September 13th. The pupils are scheduled to return to Faribault on this date and the teachers are to meet in the auditorium in the afternoon. Ten days later the school football team will play its first game of the season, being slated to clash with West Concord, there. It will be the first

time that the two schools have met in a regularly scheduled contest and as West Concord boys have gone through several football seasons undefeated, much interest has been shown in this game.

During the 1937-1938 school year the athletic association's student treasurer, Joe Katz, handled more than three thousand dollars, accounting for every cent of this large sum. A condensed report of the receipts and expenditures is published herewith as it is believed that it will be of general interest:

RECEIPTS	
Balance brought forward	\$ 210.96
Membership fees	149.35
Ticket sales	178.00
Guarantees	225.80
Homecoming party and supper	107.80
Candy, pop, etc	505.18
Miscellaneous	83.34
Junior High Tourney	3.30
Sub-district Tourney	43.00
District Tourney	34.11
Midwest Tourney	261.80
National Tourney	171.00
Advertising in program	119.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$3271.04</b>
EXPENSES	
Guarantees	\$ 119.25
Supplies and equipment	460.21
Travelling	229.21
Miscellaneous	174.24
Officials	78.00
Regional Tourney	1001.47
Midwest Tourney	261.80
National Tourney trip, N. Y. and Washington	470.00
Candy, pop, etc	372.80
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$3167.31</b>
RECAPITULATION	
Total receipts	\$3271.04
Total expenses	3167.31
<b>Balance on hand</b>	<b>\$ 103.73</b>

During the latter half of July Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark visited friends in Minnesota. Mr. Clark was graduated from the Minnesota School in 1922, attended Gallaudet College a year and then took up his studies at Carleton College. He has for some years been instructor of printing at the Georgia School for the Deaf.

More than fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Birr gathered at Thompson Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, July 17th, and pleasantly surprised them at what we are told was a "housewarming."

Among the out-of-town visitors at the clubhouse in July were the Kenneth Schimmles of Mapleton, and the Edwin Johnsons of Mason City, Iowa.

Arrived to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Olsen, Minneapolis, in mid-July, a seven-pound bouncing baby boy.

When energetic Richard Spater, leading Minnepaul oralist, heard over radio that Howard Hughes, the world-circling aviator, was going to stop at the Minneapolis Airport, the Minnepaulist hopped into his puddle jumper with his camera and sped for the flying field, hitting sixty miles per hour, while speed limit is thirty. He arrived safely and in time to see the famous flier and his aides. Shot them all with his camera.

Attending the highly successful Minnepaul Oral Club's first annual picnic at Cherokee Heights Park, St. Paul, on August 14th, was Mrs. Grace Noah and family of Los Angeles. They left California by car on July 23d and visited her son-in-law's father in Milwaukee. Enroute they made stopovers in Chicago, Lincoln, Neb., and Madison, Wis. They visited at the Thompson Hall on Saturday evening, July 13th, and thought the deaf of Minnesota fortunate in having such a fine clubhouse.

Reverend J. L. Salvner who was seriously injured in an automobile accident on July 25th, is again at the parsonage, recovering quickly. He was to resume his preaching services on August 21st.

### Union League of the Deaf, Inc.

Club Rooms open the year round. Regular meetings on Third Tuesday of each month, at 8:15 P.M. Visitors coming from a distance of over twenty-five miles welcome. Benjamin Mintz, President; Joseph F. Mortiller, Secretary, 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

## OMAHA

Riley E. Anthony, Jr., is working in Chicago for the Eastman Kodak Co. He plans to return to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in September, entering his junior year.

Omaha Division, No. 32, N. F. S. D., will have a picnic at the Nebraska School grounds, Sunday, September 4th. There will be various games and prizes and a large crowd is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Petersen motored to Nebraska City one Sunday recently to visit relatives. While there they drove a short distance away to visit the Paul Dwyers, who have a modern farm. Mr. Dwyer has purchased a tractor and other equipment for \$1,500 cash and they are doing well.

Thomas S. Cuscaden has secured a job at the Jerpe Commission Co., and it may be steady. Business at the ice plant, his former job, is comparatively slack.

Albert Difazio of Detroit, worked in North Bend, Neb., for several weeks. He was in Omaha July 4th, and has since gone back to Detroit in time to resume work at the Ford plant there, where some 300 deaf are employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron and daughter of Delavan, Wis., stopped in Omaha for a brief visit with the Cuscadens in July, before continuing their trip to Nebraska City. They visited Mrs. Cameron's folks and attended to some property.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrow and family were in Omaha visiting Mrs. Morrow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Sowell. They were dinner guests of Supt. and Mrs. Jesse W. Jackson at the Nebraska School. Mr. Morrow is the superintendent of the Arizona School.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Hoss are enjoying their new Leonard electric refrigerator. Mr. Hoss has been employed as a painter for the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Sabin of Lincoln, were in Omaha the last week of July, visiting relatives and friends for a few days. Mr. Sabin was on his vacation. He brought along Miss Kate Mohl, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Jelinek.

Miss Kathryn Kilcoyne of Chicago, spent her two weeks vacation in Auburn, Neb., with relatives. She stopped in Omaha, enroute home to call on some friends. She has been employed in the postoffice for some time and if she makes good in two years she expects a permanent job there. Despite her handicaps, she was not required to take examinations. This is something unusual and we wish her good luck.

There are several deaf ladies working for the Kimball Laundry. On Sunday, July 17th, the company gave a big picnic for all employees and their families and friends. Mesdames Hoss, Lloyd Thomas and Robert Brown of Council Bluffs, and Miss Clara Purpura invited a few deaf friends. They made a merry crowd. All had a good time.

The Nebraska Cooperation Association of the Deaf will hold a "Big Apple" picnic, in the park at Beaver Crossing, Sunday, August 28th. Admission will be 10 cents. Children will be admitted free. Lunch will start at 12 noon, and all are requested to bring their own lunch or buy one at the park for 25 cents a plate. There will be games and swimming. Prizes will be given. Those desiring to take part in the games should bring their own scissors and paring knives. Ice-cream, pop, coffee and pie will be sold. A big crowd is expected.

Miss Viola Tikalsky has returned from a three-weeks vacation in Oregon. She rode with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Treuke in their car and stopped at Denver, Portland, and other places, then visited with her old schoolmate and classmate, who was Ethel McElroy before her marriage. As lively as she is Miss Tikalsky

made things exciting for her friends and reports a real good time. She has acquired a nice coat of tan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stinton of Hollywood, Cal., were visiting in Omaha early in August. Mr. Stinton is a talented make-up artist for Twentieth Century-Fox Studios, and Mrs. Stinton, who is known as Helen Hunt, is a hair dresser for Columbia Pictures Corporation, also president of the Hairdressers Guild. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis L. Hunt, formerly Omahans, who visited here last year.

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### Chauncey H. Laughlin Killed

A question arose for Olathe's old-timers out of the fatal shooting last night of Chauncey H. Laughlin, instructor at the Kansas State School for the Deaf. A question that involves a 72-year-old clean slate for Olathe's colony of deaf-mutes.

The 49-year-old instructor in cabinetmaking was killed by his former wife, Mrs. Lillian R. Laughlin, also a deaf-mute, who then shot and critically wounded herself. For that act, Mrs. Laughlin faces a possible first degree murder charge if she survives.

Olathe deaf-mutes pondered that today and wondered whether in the seventy-two years of the school's existence, this was the first real trouble among any of its former "pupils."

Mrs. Laughlin is in the University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas. Blood transfusions were offered by employees and officials of the school, including Alfred Cranwill, superintendent; Frank Doctor boys' supervisor; Fealey Lamm, cook; John Sailors, cabinet shop employee; Stanley Ferguson, store-room employee, and Uel Hurd, Scoutmaster.

John Wilkerson, 24, a friend of Laughlin's son, Ch Laughlin, also desired to give blood. His blood and that of Ferguson were the correct type for Mrs. Laughlin. Ferguson gave the transfusion and Wilkerson was prepared to give more blood if it was needed.

Laughlin was graduated in 1908 from the Missouri State School for the Deaf at Fulton, and worked as a cabinet maker for twelve years until he went to the Kansas School in 1920.

He and Mrs. Laughlin were married November 7, 1912, and were divorced April 13, 1937. Laughlin was granted the divorce on grounds of extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty. Before the divorce they had separated several times. Mrs. Laughlin had been visiting in California, and when she returned recently to Olathe she occupied a house across the street from that of her former husband.

Ch Laughlin, the only child of the Laughlins, has been employed as assistant manager of a swimming pool in Fulton, Mo.

Besides the son, a brother, Thomas H. Laughlin, also employed at the Kansas State School for the Deaf, survives.—*Kansas City Times*, Aug. 10th.

### Silent Athletic Club, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

3529 Germantown Avenue

Club-rooms open to visitors during week-ends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and during holidays.

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John E. Dunner, President. For information write to Howard S. Ferguson, Secretary, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia.

### Hebrew Association of the Deaf of Philadelphia

Jefferson Manor at S. W., corner of Broad and Jefferson Streets.

Meets first Sunday evening of each month from 3 to 5:30 P.M.

Rooms open for Socials Saturdays and Sundays.

For information, write to Joseph Gelman, President, or Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Secretary, 5043 N. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa.



**Anent Deafness**

By Thomas Francis Fox

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In the effort to establish and maintain a home with the comforts that tend to happy contentment, it is usually the inferior in intellect or the handicapped physically who are at some disadvantage. There are to be found large families of the poor, that is they may be poor only in the need of money and yet quite rich in other respects; they pass on to posterity the greatest of all blessings, a sound mind in a sound body. Some of the deaf yearn for all such blessings. The desire to own his own home and to render to the world the highest of all duties, the propagation of the race, beats as earnestly in their breasts as in that of the hearing. That fewer of the deaf marry, and fewer still raise to the normal figure the number of children in their families may be one of nature's inexorable laws. Certain it is that the children of such unions are in no way inferior to the average run of children. They bring into the race, by reason of fewer marriages and greater selectiveness therefrom, certain superior characteristics. The latter at least counterbalance the slight tendency toward deaf-mutism occurring in the offspring of marriages among the deaf.

The deaf child endeavors to follow the normal life of those around him. That his deafness frequently shuts him out from such a course results not so much of his own free will as the failure of those who have his rearing in hand. In the family of the hearing he is not always treated normally. Usually he is petted and indulged, and from this incorrect environment receives a false impression of the relative value of things. The initiative and ambition of such a child may be seriously interfered with. On the other hand he may be neglected and shunned; instances are known where parents, laboring under the false impression that the presence of a deaf child in the family is a visitation of divine wrath, have virtually imprisoned the helpless child in order that its presence may not be known to neighbors and acquaintances. Naturally the growth of such a child, mentally and physically, is retarded, if not completely checked.

A wide discussion has been had regarding the proper way to treat the deaf child in his pre-school age. The simplest procedure would be to handle the child normally, allowing only such extra attention as the limitations of his deafness positively require. If parents would try to understand a deaf child's difficulties, a great deal could be done to help him before he enters school. He should be taught to dress himself, to act properly at meals, and to depend upon himself in various ways. Too often his handicap makes his parents feel that he is different from other children, and that special privileges must be allowed to make him happy and contented. This is not a wise policy. He should follow the same rules that are in vogue for the rest of the family, and should early learn that every individual has certain propriety rights that his deafness does not permit him to violate. He should be required to obey just as do other children. Perhaps he may be able to take speech from the lips by constant repetition of simple commands, and be encouraged to carefully watch the lips of speakers. Some such form of elementary instruction should be given at home, after which the child should, at the first opportunity, be placed under competent instructors.

Of the various methods and combinations by which a deaf child may be taught, and whether the child should live at home while attending school, or be taught in a special school, is a matter that requires the serious consideration of parents of deaf children. It is a complex problem; to be absolutely impartial, the best that can be said of the several methods is that

they are the outcome of opinions formed from studying the subject of education from different angles. Since advocates of different methods can point to successful products the conclusion may be drawn that a portion of the deaf can succeed under any method.

It is only fair to acknowledge that a certain difference may be noted between young adults who have passed their entire youth at home and those who have spent the greater part of their school life in special schools for their education, only going home for vacations. The former has as a class acquired in a more pronounced degree the normal characteristics of the hearing as displayed in their actions, dress and habits; the latter are more sophisticated and better prepared for the realities of life. Where deaf children, while in constant contact with the hearing, have viewed the world about them through a thinly drawn veil, as it were, those at schools, associating much with others of their own kind, have been able to take in all about them, words as well as actions, and have formed a keener sense of human action. The home-reared deaf may move with more freedom and grace among the hearing, but the school graduates get the better-paying positions at trades. Pupils at schools who are privileged to go home regularly for the week-ends enjoy the advantages of both classes to their own benefit. This difference between the deaf enjoying home life and those at schools is pronounced enough in early life to enable an experienced observer to readily perceive the form of rearing which has been followed. This gradually disappears through middle age so that it is usually only by inquiry that one learns what mode of education was adopted.

As the deaf advance into maturity the desire to marry is as strong as it is with the hearing. The fulfillment of this desire may be delayed. During periods of industrial depression it is considerably delayed and may be checked altogether. During periods of prosperity and in times of war, or immediately thereafter, when the deaf as non-combatants have risen considerably in the economic scale, it may be hastened. While there are cases of marriages which might well never have been made, marriages among the deaf are quite uniformly successful. The deaf couple who marry embark immediately upon a normal mode of living, but in some respects they show characteristics which may be considered superior to those developed in the average American family. Less distracted by outside influence, there is a great centering around the home. The ambition to own one's home is greater than that with the hearing and brings with it the desire to improve the home, much careful thought being given to the condition of the house both inside and out. This is usually shown in the individual care of the well-kept furnishings and gardens. The deaf man is able to keep his home in good repair because of his training in handicrafts during his school days. The deaf woman, specially trained in childhood in household arts, is naturally a good housekeeper and an excellent cook.

In towns and smaller cities, and even in large cities, the adult deaf own and use automobiles, and have radio sets for the benefits of their hearing children, and they have the money for such purposes. Excepting the ability to recognize sound and oral speech, there are not many advantages that hearing people have over them, although the handicap of deafness always means serious trials. They believe in education, and in most instances their children are given the advantage of college training, and some of their boys have even entered West Point and Annapolis. Not a few children of deaf parents have made names for themselves as actors. All of this reflects credit upon schools for the deaf as indicating the spirit of enterprise and high ideals the schools have inculcated. The adult deaf stand resolutely against any begging on the

part of their group on the plea of deafness, and their associations use every possible means in running down cases of hearing fakirs who seek charity as being "deaf and dumb;" they are especially insistent that magistrates should punish hearing beggars who ask for alms on the pretense of being deaf.

(To be continued)

**Connecticut**

News items for this column and subscriptions, should be sent to Gordon W. Clarke, American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Cohen and daughter, Nancy Ann, and son, Stanley, visited in West Hartford, Conn., recently and were guests of the Clarks. Mr. Cohen is on the faculty of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. Mrs. Cohen will be remembered as the former Hannah Levine.

Mrs. Christopher Abbott, nee Laura Kosinski, arrived recently from Charlestown, W. Va., with her baby daughter, to make a long visit with her folks in Hartford. A picture of Mrs. Abbott appeared in the society page soon after her arrival here. Her husband joined her later.

Mrs. Robert Taylor had as guests for six weeks her father, who is a retired railroad man after serving fifty years as an employee of the Northern Pacific Railway, and her sister, both of Minnesota. The Taylors took their guests on various trips in New England, and to Washington, where they visited Mount Vernon and important government buildings.

Mrs. Lee Clark and daughter, Rhoda, motored to Quebec, Canada, recently and reported a fine trip.

Mr. Walter Rockwell and family are spending their vacation in Bristol, N. H. They drove up to Mount Washington, which is 6,293 feet high, and got quite a lot of thrills for they encountered dense clouds and found the temperature at 50 and the wind blowing hard. They are expected back immediately after Labor Day.

A card from Madeline Szernetz recently informs us that she has secured employment at a summer resort somewhere in New York State. She claims she is taking advantage of a daily swim and basking in the sun during her off hours.

Mrs. Kenneth Phelon and daughter, who have been visiting the former's parents' home for the last three months for a rest cure, is expected back the last Sunday in August. Her many friends in Hartford will be glad to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Boatner drove to Richmond, Va., recently with Mrs. Boatner's two small nephews. After visiting in Washington and Mount Vernon, and other interesting places in the vicinity of Richmond, the boys were placed on a bus where they continued their journey to Mississippi, to be returned to the folds of their parents' arms. After placing the boys on the bus the Boatners returned home.

The engagement of Mr. Emanuel S. Ramell and Miss Phyllis Porter of Philadelphia, is announced. Miss Porter is visiting in West Hartford as guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierre Rakow. She has won many friends during her visit here and is assured of a welcome among our midst when she comes again to make her home here with her future husband.

Mrs. Hanley and two daughters visited Hartford recently as guests of the Durians. Mrs. Durian and Mrs. Hanley were schoolmates and chums when they attended Mt. Airy years ago.

Mrs. Gordon Clarke entertained a party of friends at Bridge one day last week. The first prize went to Miss Rhoda Clark, and the second went to Miss Emma Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Durian, Frank Durian, Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Bonham, all of West Hartford, and a group of friends from Springfield, Mass., made a party and motored to Boston, from which place they took a

boat Sunday morning for Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass. The party visited the historical town for a few hours and returned to the boat which waited for them to take them back to Boston, and they reached home Sunday evening.

Mr. Max Friedman left the latter part of July for a trip to various places down South. On his way he stopped at Washington, D. C., where he was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Heimo Antila for a few days. From there he went to Florida for some time, and is now visiting, according to information received here, with his collegemates, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Crammatte, who are on the faculty of the Louisiana School for the Deaf at Baton Rouge.

Work on the addition to the gymnasium at the American School is progressing rapidly. It is expected to be completed in September. Upon completion it will surpass many a fine gymnasium in New England. Details of the gym will be printed in a later issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bouchard have reasons to be proud these days. They are living in a new home on a farm in North Canton. The cute four-room house, with a spacious screened porch, facing the hills and nursery, was designed according to their tastes. Each room, with the exception of the kitchen, is built with pine board walls, thus giving a homey atmosphere to the place. It must be seen to be appreciated.

**Hebrew Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.**

Temple Beth-El, 76th St., Cor. 5th Ave.  
Meets Third Sunday at 8 P.M. of the month. Information can be had from Mrs. Tanya Nash, Executive Director, 4 East 76th Street, New York City; or Mrs. Joseph C. Sturtz, Secretary, 1974 Grand Ave., New York City.

Religious Services held every Friday evening at 8:30. Athletic and other activities every Wednesday evening. Socials First and Third Sunday evenings. Movies Third Wednesday of the month.

**Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Inc.**

Meets second Sunday of each month except July and August, at the Hebrew Educational Society Building, Hopkinson and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.

Services and interesting speakers every Friday evening at 8:30 P.M., at the I. E. S.

English Class, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 o'clock sharp, from September to May, at P. S. 150, Sackman and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.

Louis Baker, President; Louis Cohen, Secretary; 421 Logan Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**All Angels' Church for the Deaf (Episcopal)**

1151 Leland Ave. Chicago, Illinois  
(One block north of Wilson Ave. "L" station, and one-half block west).

Rev. George F. Flick, Priest-in-charge.  
Mr. Frederick W. Hinrichs, Lay-Reader  
Church services, every Sunday at 11 A.M., Holy Communion, first and third Sundays of each month.

Social Supper, second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 P.M., with entertainment following at 8 P.M.

Get-together socials at 8 P.M., all other Wednesdays. (Use Racine Ave. entrance) Minister's address, 6336 Kenwood Avenue. Afternoon, 2 to 5 Evening, 7 to 9. Daily except Sunday.

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The Rev. Ernest Scheibert, Pastor  
1400 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
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Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Preaching in speech and the sign-language. Hearing friends invited to special services. We preach salvation through faith in Jesus Christ—"Come and we will do thee good."

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Lutheran Deaf-Mute Ladies' Aid Society

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